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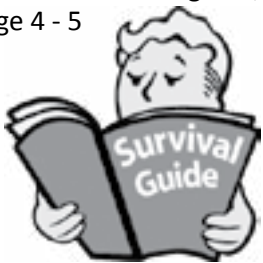
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Parking changes cause mixed emotions

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Many changes are taking place on and around campus in an attempt to simplify student and faculty parking.

Public Safety has added 125 parking spaces throughout the 11 general lots. Where did these spaces come from? The Nemzek House and the Continuing Studies house, along 11th Street across from Owens Hall, were torn

down to make way for a reserved (R-3) and metered (M-2) lot.

The new meter lot (M-2), located on the corner of 11th Street and 9th Avenue, holds 37 parking spots that can be occupied for up to six hours. Students and faculty looking to use the metered lot can pay at a pay master with a credit/debt card or cash, similar to the M-4 lot on the corner of 6th Avenue and 11th Street.

"Tearing down those houses made more space. It's convenient and nice to have

more space, it's a great improvement to the university," says mass communications chair, CT Hanson.

Other metered lots on campus are lots M-1, located south of Owens Hall, M-3 in front of Flora Frick, and lot M-5 between the library and the Comstock Memorial Union. These lots have a two-hour maximum time limit with free parking after 4:30.

The old reserved lot, which was located behind the Center for Business on the corner

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Library remodel continues

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Demolition is almost complete and phase one of the library renovations is in full swing.

Students should be aware of a little extra noise, but otherwise "it's mostly business as usual," said Brittney Goodman, dean of instructional resources at MSUM.

Books and periodicals were relocated to the west side of the building when renovations began in May, but all service desks are in place and functional.

The project is being completed in phases, so half the library can be open and available to students throughout the entire process.

"They've been working on stuff at all hours of operation," said Patrick Wellin, a library student worker.

It was loud at times, but Wellin didn't see any problems for students.

Students can stop at service desks for help finding relocated items.

"Disturb us," Wellin said. "Usually we can direct you."

Phase one is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of the spring semester, but the entire project will be done no earlier than July 2013.

Once renovations are complete, the first and second floor will be a learning commons, where students will be able to use computers, plug in their laptops and receive information and assistance.

The two 24-hour computer labs and the Information Technology office will be located on the first floor near a new entrance on the north side of the building.

Welcome back



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When students arrived on campus for the first day of classes Monday, they were greeted with several changes including completed renovations in Dahl and Nemzek, the addition of lactation rooms and changes to parking and printing. Weld also received a make-over with the removal of the vines around the exterior, which was a staple on campus. For a student opinion, see page 6.

Dragon IDs now required for printing

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There's a new way of printing on campus.

In an effort to reduce printing – and conserve resources – the information technology department has worked with the office of campus sustainability to keep track of printing and allow students 500 pages of printing per semester.

"Labs are being set up around campus to have an automatic counter to keep track of how much you've printed," said Mary O'Reilly-Seim, assistant to the provost.

While these page counters can be seen around campus this semester, the 500-page limit will not be

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Dahl renovation complete

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New students on campus may not notice the changes that have been made in Dahl Hall, but those who have lived there in the past surely will.

Over the past two summers, Dahl has undergone extensive renovations to meet the current demands of students. While the first phase took much longer than anticipated during the summer of 2011, this summer's construction went according to plan.

"The demand now from students is a lot different than the demand was back in the '50s and '60s when the residence halls were originally built," said Bobbie Delaney, area director of Nelson-Grantham, formerly of Dahl and Ballard.

The new amenities range from

moveable furniture in dorm rooms to laundry on every floor. Delaney said by implementing changes students were looking for, MSUM is hoping to create a better living and learning environment.

Along with renovations to living spaces, the first floor lobby and lounge also underwent complete reconstruction, and a staircase was added near the front desk to allow better access to the lower level. Dahl currently is home to the art, art education, film and theatre living learning communities, and there are preliminary plans for the lower level to be transformed into an art studio of sorts.

"Arts students spend a lot of time after hours, lots of late nights," Delaney said. "So to bring it into a residence hall area brings a better environment to them."

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Sustainability coordinator strives for "green" campus

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He's not wasting any time.

By encouraging first-year students to recycle empty cardboard boxes on move-in day, Joe Herbst, the new sustainability coordinator, helped kick-off what he hopes to be a "green" year at MSUM.

"In previous years, recycling during move-in day has always been an afterthought," Herbst said.

This year, he set out to make a difference. He and about a dozen volunteers sat beside dumpsters marked with large signs reading "kung-fu your cardboard" and "cardboard only" to help students and their parents break down boxes and to reward them with a stainless steel water

bottle.

"You bring an empty box; then you get a water bottle. Sometimes, they just need a little incentive," Herbst said. "My hope is that in a few years we'll still see the students using the bottles."

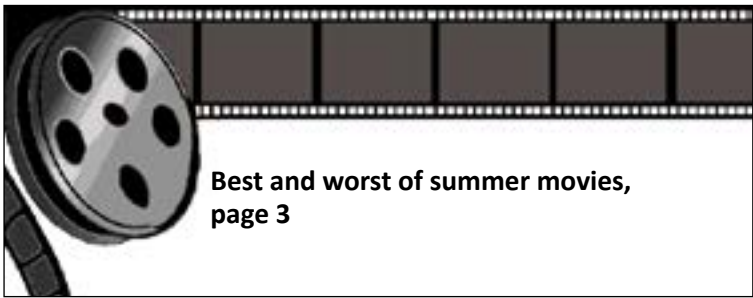
At the end of the day, the cardboard-only dumpsters located at the entrances of each residence hall contained enough cardboard to save 51 trees from being cut down.

The recycled cardboard, along with other items, are now on display in the campus mall to show students how much waste they can prevent by simply recycling empty boxes and bottles. Herbst plans to increase MSUM sustainability efforts with more recycling and renewable energy projects throughout the year.

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Briefs

Campus calendar 8.3 - 9.4	
8.30	4 p.m. - Soccer at Minot State University. 5 p.m. - Book buy back ends
8.31	6:15 p.m. Dragon X-Country Randy Smith Final Day to Drop/Add CMU Ballroom 9 p.m. Friday Nights in the Underground CMU
9.1	7 a.m. - Taligating at the Football Field 1 p.m. - Dragon Football vs Wayne State Univerisity
9.2	2 - 4 p.m. - Dance team Tryouts 1 p.m. Dragon Soccer vs. St. Cloud State University
9.3	Labor Day - No Class
9.4	2:30 p.m. - First Dragon Swimming and Diving Practice.



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"Even the Little kids dressed better than I did."

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World News

Isaac Declared a Hurricane
Tropical Storm Isaac has been declared a full-fledged hurricane. While traveling through the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, Isaac became a Category 1 storm with sustained winds of 75 mph. The hurricane is still expected to strike land along the Gulf Coast, a frightening prospect for residents of Louisiana and neighboring states who remember Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Isaac is currently on a path towards New Orleans and it could become the first hurricane to strike the area since 2008. The storm has slowed to 10 mph and is expected to dump 7 to 14 inches of rain when it makes landfall.

GOP Platform Bans All Abortion
You have to hand it to the GOP: they sure know how to make their opinions clear. Republican delegates overwhelmingly approved the latest iteration of their party's platform at the RNC Tuesday, calling for a blanket ban of gay marriage and abortion in all cases. The 2012 party platform also lays out the GOP's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher system with different age eligibility requirements adjusted for longer life spans. The document's language warns that the "American Dream is at risk" and calls for an end to "any form of amnesty for undocumented immigrants" as well as any legislation that would "restrict Second Amendment rights."

Prosecutor: Troops Plotted 'Terror'
A group of American soldiers plotted to overthrow the government, prosecutors said on Monday. Speaking in a Georgia courtroom, Pfc. Michael Burnett detailed how the soldiers recruited other active and former members of the armed forces in a bid to "give the government back to the people." The group called itself Forever Enduring Always Ready—FEAR—and prosecutors say one of the members "actively recruited new members at Fort Stewart and targeted soldiers who were in trouble or disillusioned." Burnett and three other members of the alleged plot stand accused of the murder of ex-soldier Michael Roark and his girlfriend Tiffany York. Gawker reported on Tuesday that a man who looks like alleged plotter Isaac Aguiqui and shares his name was a page at the 2008 Republican convention.

Consumer Confidence
Consumer confidence took a wicked fall in August. The Conference Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 60.6 in August from 65.4 in July. That's the lowest reading of this measure since last November. While the index is a measure of sentiment—rather than actual economic activity—it still matters. Consumers account for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity, and they need to be in a good mood to keep spending.

News briefs from dailybeast.com



MSUM Briefs

Students who have been dropped from classes can re-register
If you've been dropped from your classes due to non-payment, you can re-register for your classes after you've made payment arrangements with the Business Office. You will not be allowed to attend classes for which you are not registered, so please take the time to re-register as soon as possible.

Friday is the last day to drop/add classes without being charged.

Drumming Workshops
Two Afro-Brazilian samba drumming workshops are set for Friday, Sept. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MSUM Regional Science Center (Buffalo River State Park). The workshops are sponsored by MSUM's Music Department and feature Tim and Pat O'Keefe, co-directors of Minneapolis Brazilian percussion band Batucada do Norte.
The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kenyon Williams at 218.477.4610 or willdrum@mnstate.edu.

Leadership Partnership
On August 27, United Way and MSUM partnered together with Cass Clay and the Otto Bremer Foundation and will host a nine-month leadership program on "The Essentials of Nonprofit Administration" beginning Sept. 12. The class meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the MSUM campus. A new line up of topics with up-to-date information is scheduled for this year's series of workshops, including legal issues facing nonprofits, innovation, financial management and strategic planning, human resources management and administration, marketing, succession planning, fundraising and leadership during transition. This comprehensive training program is designed to address today's critical issues that nonprofit organizations face daily. Participants will attend all nine sessions to successfully complete the program.
Program cost is \$395. For more information, please contact 218.477.2763 or lisa.johnson@mnstate.edu.

First Meetings for Film Clubs
This Thursday, the Cinethusiasts and The Film Loop will have their first meetings of the year. Cinethusiasts meets at 6:30 pm in Weld Auditorium; they will be discussing the upcoming South Dakota Film Festival and other upcoming events. The Film Loop meets at 7pm in Center for the Arts Room 33 (in the basement); this meeting's discussion topic is "Sequels, Prequels & Series". All students are welcome to attend.

MSUM briefs from Dragon Digest and submitted to advocate@mnstate.edu

Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Greg Lemke

8.20	Assisted bicycle owner cutting off lock outside of CMU.	8.23	Report of suspicious people in CMU, gone upon arival.
8.21	Dahl Hall Fire alarm caused by burnt food, Moorhead Fire Departm responded.		Marijuana odor investigation in West Snarr, student cited by Moorhead PD for possession of a small amount of marijuana.
8.22	Theft of gasoline reported Lot R-6.	8.24	Alcohol Offense/Noise Complain in Ballard. Three cited by Moorhead PD for Minor in Consumption, 10 students referred to campus judicial for noise violation.
	Hit and run in Lot M-5, crash reported.		Alcohol odor investigation in East Snarr.
	Smoking violation in CMU, gone upon arrival.		Alcohol offense in Holmquist Hall, 2 students referred to campus judicial
	Lost property report in East Snarr.		

To report a problem contact Public Safety at 218.477.2675

Safety Tip of the week

Lock it or Lose it

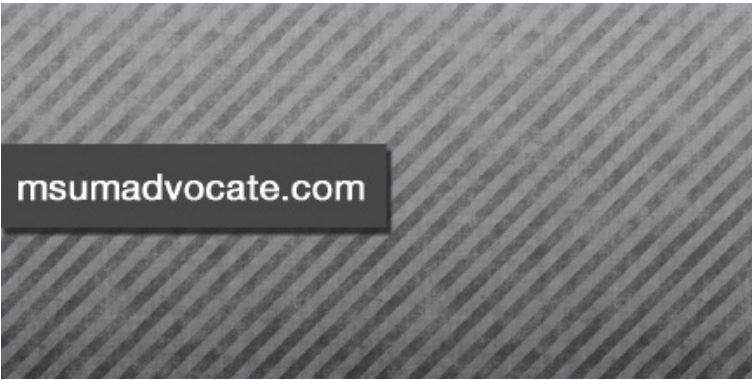
Lock your car and roll up your windows, even if only leaving for a few minutes. If carrying packages or valuable items, store them in your trunk. If you do leave packages, clothing or other articles in the car; make sure they are out of sight.

Student Academic Conference and Fall Semester Courses
New two stage application process posted on Aug. 24.
Because of the new Minnesota Conference of Undergraduate Scholarly and Creative Activity and the special constraints that it places on the application process, there will be a two-stage application window for the Student Academic Conference. The early window is only for those students wishing to be considered for MNCUSCA. Because a large number of MNCUSCA projects were multi-semester projects, this early deadline for those projects makes sense and allows departments more time to select top projects. Additionally, separating these applications off allows a later deadline for other projects,

particularly spring semester class projects that may not have been finalized until the middle of the spring semester.
Those who work with students during fall semester who are completing excellent scholarly or creative work can encourage these students to apply for this selective conference and consider putting this suggestion in your syllabus.
The details on MNCUSCA are not finalized but are coming into focus (tentatively April 8th or 22nd).
This year participants are probably going down to the conference on Sunday and spending the night in Manakato.
Again the plan is to take the top projects from each department, as ranked by their department. Please stay tuned for updates.

The Advocate is looking for a new business manager.

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Summer movies 2012: Too good to be true

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At the beginning of 2012, this looked like it was going to be one hell of a year for films. We had Ridley Scott returning to the science-fiction genre with “Prometheus.” We had Christopher Nolan capping off his phenomenal Batman series with The Dark Knight Rises. And we had Pixar not making another “Cars” film with “Brave.” What could possibly go wrong?

Turns out, almost everything. I don’t know what’s happened to Christopher Nolan since his blockbuster masterpiece “The Dark Knight,” but somehow he’s lost his magic touch. “The Dark Knight Rises” is too long, cluttered, illogical and altogether unsatisfying. The acting remains top notch (Anne Hathaway is a welcomed addition to the cast) but without a decent story to tell, the acting talents are wasted.

Surely waiting 33 years to make a prequel to his sci-fi classic “Alien” meant Ridley Scott had a great story to tell, right? Nope. While the script hints at several interesting ideas of creation, evolution and religion, “Prometheus” chooses to follow none of those and instead tells an incredibly annoying story about stupid



scientists doing idiotic and unmotivated things, and getting killed off not nearly fast enough.

Pixar’s “Brave” wasn’t as bad, but compared to their masterpieces, it was a letdown. The story of a Scottish princess who doesn’t want an arranged marriage is solid, but unremarkable. The characters are fun, but a bit too cartoonish. The twist at the end is

predictable. It’s not a bad film, but it’s simply a decent film – and coming from Pixar, that’s unfortunate.

There were plenty of other disappointments, like “John Carter,” “The Amazing Spider-Man,” and “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.” These are films I shouldn’t have even gone to in the first place, but did, unfortunately.

Thank God for Joss Whedon.



“The Avengers” was the one big film of the year that knew how to be fun. From the great cast to the snappy dialogue to the big, brassy action climax, “Avengers” was a hugely enjoyable time at the movies.

Whedon also co-wrote Drew Goddard’s fantastic comic-horror film “The Cabin in the Woods,” a hilarious send-up of horror film conventions.

But really, this was the

summer where the smaller, independent films stepped up and beat the blockbusters to a bloody pulp. There were two great documentaries: “Searching for Sugar Man” and “The Imposter,” both about mysterious men. One a missing rock star, the other a serial imposter. Then there were two great black comedies, both of them from Texas: “Bernie” and “Killer Joe,” both featuring career best performances from Jack Black and Matthew McConaughey as charming killers.

Finally, there was the best film of the year, so far: “Moonrise Kingdom.” Wes Anderson’s latest masterpiece of dazzling art direction and intricate cinematography, it’s also a whimsical tale with real romance and heartache.

There are plenty of good films to look forward to this fall. We have time travel hitman film “Looper,” Quentin Tarantino’s western “Django Unchained,” Peter Jackson’s return to Middle Earth with “The Hobbit Part 1” and Steven Spielberg’s “Lincoln” with Daniel Day-Lewis. Those movies all sound great, and I hope they are, but honestly, the coming five months of cinema can’t do any worse than the last seven.

Calling all students: Join an ensemble today

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With more than 10 different ensembles to choose from, joining an ensemble is a good way to earn some credits, give (and receive) a little entertainment, meet friends and relax.

There are many changes for the MSUM music department, with six new professors.

Many students believe that you have to be a music major to join an ensemble, which is not the case. Any student can join an ensemble at any age or year in college.

Each of the large group and a few small group ensembles will be taught by a new professors.

Some of the ensembles hold auditions, while others students can just simply register and show up.

“This is a chance for students to be in a different group, have a different family,” the new director of bands Monte Griese said. “In the end, it’s enriching you and it is something different. It’s being great in a different environment.”

The music department often supplies instruments free of charge for those who don’t own an instrument, depending on selection and availability.

Another option is to rent locally at music supply stores such as Marguerite’s Music in Moorhead.

“I like being in an ensemble, because ensembles can feel like a big family,” senior music major Stephanie Knapper said.

Many students agree that a lot of what holds students back from joining a specific ensemble is auditions.

Dan Mahraun, director of choral activities, said, “Just

give it a shot, there are going to be a lot of other people just as nervous as you.”

The last day to drop or add a class is Friday, Aug. 31.

Types of Ensembles:

- Vocal:**
Concert Choir
Men and Women’s Choir
Snowfire Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Instrumental:**
University Orchestra
Concert Band
Jazz Ensembles
Jazz Combos
Commercial Ensembles
Jazz Guitar Ensembles
Percussion Ensemble
Stell Drum & Salsa Ensembles

Contact the music office in the Center for Arts with questions.



Monte Griese, director of bands



Christina Chen-Beyers, director of university symphony orchestra

“If you’ve invested a certain amount of time into music, why would you stop doing that now, if you enjoyed doing it then?”

“I think the new staff are all very passionate about their jobs and the students.”

“It’s not only a great musical experience, it is also great stress relief and community building experience. You get to lose your worries during the 4 hours and just enjoy making music with friends who share the same interest.”

Event Calendar for All Ages

August 30	August 31	September 1
HoDo Lounge @ 8 p.m. D Mills and the Thrills No cover	Red Raven @ 7 p.m. Go Murphy, The Midwest Coast, Todd Sisson \$5 cover	Red Raven @ 4:30- 10 p.m. DIY Day with over 15 local vendors No cover
September 2	September 3	September 4
The New Direction @ 7 A Past Unknown, Slumlord, With a Voice, Initium, Fight the Tides \$10 cover	Red Raven @ 9:30 p.m. Comedy Night No Cover	Avalon Events Center - 613 First Ave N. The New York Kammermusiker 6th Annual North Dakota Winds of Change Fest 6:30 p.m. students \$5

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***Thunder Road**

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1. College Bowling Night

Sunset Lanes, 620 Hwy. 75 N., Moorhead, offers all-you-can-bowl college night every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. for \$5.95. During college night, \$6.95 pizzas and \$3.95 pitchers are available.

*Thunder Road and Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks not on map.

2. Safari Cinema

Never got a chance to see a movie when it was in theaters? Chances are it is probably showing at Safari Cinema, 925 30th Ave. S., Moorhead. At only \$2.50 for a matinee and \$3.50 for evening shows Friday through Sunday, Safari offers a variety of movies at great prices.

***Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks**

Thursday, Aug. 30 and Friday, Aug. 31 may hold some appeal to area baseball fans. The Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks will take on the Laredo Lemurs at Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave. N., Fargo. Both games begin at 7:02 p.m. Tickets cost approximately \$9, online or at the stadium.



Satisfy late-night hunger pains



3. Sarpino's Pizzeria

Sarpino's Pizzeria, 818 30th Ave. S., Moorhead, offers a variety of pizza, calzones, pasta and more, all at a reasonable price. Open 10:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. weekends, and 10:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, Sarpino's is there when hunger needs to be sated. Order at 218.477.1777.

4. Buffalo Wild Wings

On Sunday nights, Buffalo Wild Wings offers half-off menu items to college students after 9 p.m. At 2201 First Ave. N., Moorhead, the restaurant is close to campus and easy on the pocketbook. Sixteen different sauces will be sure to keep your tastebuds satisfied. Call ahead for large groups at 218.512.0400 to be seated quickly.

5. Drunken Noodle

Drunken Noodle, 623 NP Ave. N., Fargo, is the perfect place to fulfill your late night noodle cravings. If you've dreamt it, they probably have it. Thai, American, Vietnamese and Italian items fill the menu — all for less than \$8. Dine in, take out and delivery. Find the menu online at drunkennoodle.com and call 701.232.3380 to order. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends, and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

6. Pizza Patrol

Pizza Patrol is the place to go when looking for thick crust, gooey cheese and plenty of toppings. Open from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 a.m. weekends, the pizza will be there to fulfill late-night hunger pains. Pizza Patrol, 104 4th St. S., Moorhead, is quick and convenient. To order carry-out or delivery, call 701.241.9000.



Need a ride?

All students can ride the MATBus for free with student ID. Hop on the bus at the Center for Business, the bus shelter on 14th Street, the corner of 11th Street and 6th Avenue or the corner of 14th Street and 9th Avenue during the day or board the bus on 6th Ave. in front of the CMU after 6:45 p.m. With over 21 routes, students can take the bus to West Acres, Walmart, Hombacher's, downtown Fargo and more. For full routes and details, visit Matbus.com or call 701.232.7500.



Advo asks: What advice do you have for freshmen?



“Do your homework, but still have fun and go to the events around campus.”
- Melanie Bundy, sophomore mass



“Get a planner and write out all their homework that’s due and upcoming tests.”
- Jessica Jaspersen, senior English and mass communications major



“Have fun now before classes get really serious but don’t let your GPA slip.”
- Joel Kromer, senior social work and business administration major



“Treat college like it’s not high school because it’s not by any means.”
- Bobby Budde, sophomore mass communications major



“Go to class. If you want to do well going to class is pretty important.”
- Carrie Feigum, senior political science major

On-campus: mind and body

Stay fit

Keep your mind and body fit by visiting the Wellness Center on campus. With group fitness classes, personal training, a rock wall, massages and more, the Wellness Center offers something for everyone.

Dietitian Janet Brown is also available to meet with students on-site two times per month. Call 218.477.4300 or stop by the front desk to schedule an appointment.

Fall hours of operation are 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Be sure to check online at mnstate.edu/hendrix/wellness for special events and holiday hours, and to fill out liability forms for the Wellness Center and the rock wall.

Stay healthy

A busy schedule can put the body under a lot of stress, making it more susceptible to illness. The on-campus clinic and counseling center, Hendrix Health, is available for students who need checkups for minor illnesses like the cold and flu, immunizations and STD and HIV screening. The licensed addiction counselor and sexual assault counselor on staff are available by appointment, but same day care may be available when needed.

To schedule an appointment, call 218.477.2211, or dial 2211 from a campus phone. Clinic

hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and pharmacy hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

How to write “right”

Did you just receive a large research paper assignment? Make an appointment at the Write Site to help with all steps of the writing process. At the site, tutors can help all majors in producing individual or group projects. With the tutor’s help you will be able to mold your paper while sticking to your particular style guidelines.

If you cannot physically get to the Write Site, located in Lommen Hall, online tutoring is available through chat rooms and webcams. For more information email Writectr@mnstate.edu or call the Write Site at 218.477.5937.

Get up and go

Be bored no longer. The Recreation and Outing Center has a relaxed environment with ping pong, pool, chess, various board games and a computer lab to make down-time fun.

Competitive leagues are offered for pool and ping-pong on Monday and Tuesday nights, respectively. Winners receive trophies at the end of each semester.

Water, camping, hiking and other miscellaneous sports gear are also available for rental. For rates and a list of specific items, call 218.477.2265, go to mnstate.edu/cmu or stop by the desk.



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Joseph Mathes looks on as Caleb Tollakson lines up his shot playing pool in The ROC. Both are undeclared freshman.

Freshman Survival Guide

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Opinion

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Campus changes create various reactions

Returning to campus this year, students are met with changes from parking to printing. From renovations at Dahl and Nemzek to the removal of the vines at Weld, MSUM has transformed to invite both new and returning students back to campus.

Parking changes frustrate commuters. Ongoing renovations in the library and campus mall create obstacles in daily tasks of students.

Along with building changes, parking policy updates have forced students to familiarize themselves with new city and university rules.

In addition to parking, students now need to use their student IDs to print on campus computers in efforts to be “green.”

Some say the removal at the vines at Weld ensures the buildings’ healthy foundations. Changes to the library will make it a more useful resource in the future. Athletics in Nemzek will be enjoying improved offices to create winning strategies leading our Dragons to victory.

Although all of us may not fully understand the reasons for the updates to the campus, we can be sure it is for the improvement of the university as a whole.

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A new friend in an old man



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One of the great, gaping holes in elementary education is the lack of familiarity the average student has with the misadventures of Anne Shirley. Assuming most of you are victims of this unfortunate lapse in literary curriculum, I earnestly recommend you pick up either the books or the PBS special from the ’90s. Anne Shirley’s flaming red hair designates her with the nickname “carrots” which she deeply dislikes. Grade school children have the amazing ability to be both wildly witty and cruel. She purchases some black clothes dye and soaks her hair in it to stop the taunts from her peers. Those of you who have ever mixed black dye with water know what happens next; her hair turned a sewage-like shade of green. Sadly, in the PBS special, we never learn her new, verdant-based nickname. I secretly think it would have been “celery.” This story is relevant because it almost perfectly captures the essence of Weld Hall and the recent vine removal. For those of you new to the campus, Weld was once covered with long, tangled vines. These were the sorts that covered English mansions seen on BBC murder mysteries. Walking into Weld, I half-expected to encounter Sherlock Holmes poking around for clues —and once I actually did. As for what the vines actually looked like, the effect could best be described as beard-like. Sometime last year, the decision was made to cut the vines from the facade and now it stands nearly naked.

I cannot recall the reasons given for removing the vines from Weld, probably some nonsense about damage to the building or maintenance of an appealing appearance. The point is that by this fall, there is cold brick where

there had once been tangled stems holding millions of leaves.

Much like Anne Shirley’s hair, the outcome of the project is quite different from the intention. Having been upset at the thought of losing the vines, I am overjoyed at the results. Vines still cling to the brick, but in thin, wispy patches of grey. Where the old Weld resembled a young Marxist hiding behind a mass of facial hair, the new Weld resembles an old man, the sort of old man who does not shave or brush his teeth. These types of old men sit in the backs of hardware stores wearing flannel, chewing cigars, staring at nothing-in-particular while muttering incomprehensible sentences punctuated with the phrase, “...my wife...” For those of us who can’t help but see headlights as eye sockets and kitchen sinks as elephants, the new Weld is simply hilarious to behold.

The humor comes not only from the archetypal old man suggested by the patchy beard-like vines but also from the humorous back-firing of the cleanup project. Like Anne’s new green hair, the resilient grey vines on Weld stand as a reminder that solutions sometimes bring bigger problems. You can’t control everything. Try to modernize or improve and suddenly the building looks a hundred years older or your hair turns green.

Let me take this opportunity to ask those who have the power to please leave what remains of the Weld vines

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alone. The sight of it is too rich to lose, especially with so little to stare at on campus. I promise you I will never walk by the old man without a smile on my face.

But though I whole-heartedly affirm the new appearance of Weld Hall, I can’t help but feel a sense of loss looking at it. Since word has not come from Owens, nor do I think it will anytime soon, the former vines of Weld represented one glowing prospect. They were, perhaps, the closest we were ever going to get to the Ivy League.

Tips for upperclassmen



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It’s that time of year again. Students return to campus, textbooks are bought and our athletic teams begin practicing.

And baby Dragons hatch.

This is an exciting yet extremely scary time for new students on campus. Sometimes upperclassmen, myself included, need a refresher on how to act around the freshmen.

Here are some things to expect for the first couple weeks as our little

in public was grounds for judgment in high school, in college it’s like putting a big flashing sign over your head screaming “Look at me! I’m awesome and want to live my life to the fullest.” If you’re receiving strange looks from these hatchlings while you’re shaking your booty to no music in the middle of the campus mall, invite them over and help them learn the ropes.

Lastly, expect ignorance. Our baby Dragons have merely been un-informed about many things on campus. They’ll learn to not walk in the middle of the sidewalk when you are clearly trying to ride your bike somewhere. Just because they have yet to discover the wonderfulness that is chicken tortilla soup served on Thursdays doesn’t make them bad people. Even if they’re too shy to ask you a question, they’ll make it through eventually. Just be patient.

But the most important thing to remember is that these students are fellow dragons.

They aren’t the plague nor are they aliens. They’re definitely not here to frustrate you, not on purpose anyway.

If you see a freshman that seems to have boarded the struggle bus today, go help them out and make them feel welcome. After all, we are all dragons.

“Our freshmen are bound to get lost and will absolutely be confused. If one of them asks you a question don’t get frustrated, help them.”

Dragons adjust and what you as a fully functioning Dragon can do to stay calm, cool and collected.

First, expect questions. We have to remember our first few weeks on campus when we had no idea that MA meant Maclean or that Kise pronounced “Key-Zee.” Our freshmen are bound to get lost and will absolutely be confused. If one of them asks you a question don’t get frustrated, help them. Send them in the right direction, even if you woke up ten minutes ago and you’re late for your 8:30 a.m. lab. Tell your professor you were helping a freshman, it might get you brownie points. All the guys and gals in your class will want to be your friend because you’re so darn nice.

Next, expect weird looks. These students are used to the rough life we knew as high school. They have yet to understand that while taking photos with a dancing banana

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Sports

Nemzek brings wow factor with new changes



The womens volleyball team practices under the new jumbotron in Nemzek.

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Fans, faculty, students and athletes are in for eye-opening changes around Dragons Athletics central, Nemzek Hall, on the campus of MSUM. As Chad Markuson, associate athletics director of Dragon Athletics said, many are in for a pleasant surprise as they return for the beginning of fall semester.

“Student-athletes, as they have started to come to campus they have noticed the changes,” Markuson said. “A lot of people come in and have no idea we got the video board in (Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse) yet and the wow factor is definitely there, which is exciting.”

The proof is in the pudding. Fans who walk into Nemzek

will have no choice but to see the new 288-by-512 inch scoreboard. Marketing coordinator for outreach and new media Jon Wepking said the high definition replay board rivals schools not only in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in Division II, but also rivals that of Division I schools. Wepking oversees the scoreboard operations, which also include two new LED pro tables. The tables, mainly used by athletics department staff and members of the media, will sit on both sides of the basketball court featuring graphics, statistics, advertisements and more.

With an upgrade in video presentation, an upgrade in audio is also in place in Nemzek. The total investment into the video and audio changes is more

than \$1 million, not including a new basketball floor that will be put into place in late September. The floor will upgrade a dated one with a new design.

Some fans may miss tip-off while playing with some of the technology in the lobby of Nemzek. Two touchscreen monitors along with a trophy case will be put on showcase as part of the new Dragons Hall of Honor. The tribute gives everyone a chance to honor and learn more about former student-athletes’ dedication to Dragons Athletics and the university.

Behind the scenes of athletics are even more changes. The north end of Nemzek is now the home of Athletics Administration and a few coaches. A “Dragon Athletics” sign and two touchscreen monitors, similar to the two at

the new Hall of Honor, greet all that enter.

Tennis and golf have first-time offices on the north side that Markuson said administration is excited to have the space for. The rest of the sports have offices on the south side of the building, although all of the changes in their offices are not done yet.

Dragon student-athletes put in their thoughts for some of the changes and have seen them come to life.

“In the lobby we have new tables and chairs along with electricity and internet access to allow students in-between classes and before practices to plug in to the Internet and charge anything,” Markuson said. “The idea (for Internet plugins) actually came from SAAC (Students Athlete Advisory Council). We loved the idea and ran with that.”

Markuson said the facilities improvements and upgrades are a constant effort of the athletic department and the university administration to continue to improve the facilities for all who enter.

“There was lots of support from President Edna Szymanski and (vice president of finance and administration) Jan Mahoney while making this happen,” Markuson said. “The university administration with President Szymanski’s support is very appreciated. (It) helped make it all happen.”

The final piece to the north offices and last moves for coaches in the south offices will be made soon. The scoreboard and other fieldhouse toys will be in full effect for basketball season as the men’s and women’s teams come off playoff seasons, including a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the men.



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Nemzek’s new facelift featured a new seating area, new offices and jumbotron for viewing the games.


DRAGONS	Cross Country	Football	Soccer	Soccer
Opening week home schedule	08/31/12 - 6:15 p.m. Randy Smith Invitational Location: Ponderosa Golf Course	09/01/12 - 1 p.m. MSUM vs. Wayne State Location: Nemzek Stadium	09/02/12 - 1 p.m. MSUM vs. St. Cloud State Location: Nemzek Soccer Field	09/05/12 - 5 p.m. MSUM vs. Minnesota, Crookston Location: Nemzek Soccer Field

MSUM fall athletes to watch

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Katy Ness will be looking to dominate the 2012 season like she did in 2011 for the Dragons volleyball team. A senior, she joins three others that have been together since 2009. Ness was an All-Northern Sun Honorable Mention selection while being chosen as Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Week a MSUM record five times. Ness is the anchor of a Dragon defense that led the nation in digs last season.

2011 Stats: 567 digs, 6.03 digs/game, 14 serve aces.



Submitted by Dragon Athletics
Katy Ness



Submitted by Dragon Athletics
Tyler Brody

2011 All-Northern Sun honorable mention Tyler Brody leads a Dragons defense that is almost as inexperienced as its offense. Brody is one of two seniors that are starting for MSUM and is making a transition from safety, where he recorded the 18th most tackles in Division II, to linebacker. If he shows a glimpse of the talent he did last year, he will be sure to lead his defense in the tough Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

2011 Stats: 115 tackles, 1 sack, 3 tackles for a loss, 3 breakups, 2 ints., 1 forced fumble.

Amanda Wurdeman jumped onto the Dragons soccer scene as a sophomore when she scored a team high six goals. Of those six, she totaled two two-goal games. The junior, one of nine upperclassmen, will serve as a mentor to the biggest recruiting class in team history. Wurdeman, and the Dragons open Northern Sun play this week at Minot State and at home against St. Cloud State.

2011 Stats: 6 goals, 16 shots on goal, 26 shots, 2 assists, 14 points, 3 game-winning goals.



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News

New lactation rooms offer privacy, comfort

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As over 8,000 students across campus begin to memorize class schedules and prepare for another semester of writing papers, a portion of students and staff worry about how and where they will feed their infants while on campus.

Mothers who breastfeed their children are unable to do so in the library or a classroom.

The new lactation rooms on campus were created to give breast-feeding mothers a private area to nurse their infants or pump breast milk.

“We want to provide mothers with a comfortable, clean and private area where they can pump or breast-feed without interruption,” said Donna Brown, MSUM’s associate vice-president for diversity and inclusion.

“Before we created the lactation rooms, I would hear of many

mothers who had to pump breast milk in bathroom stalls,” Brown said, noting how uncomfortable it seemed. “I requested a private space where mothers could be comfortable during breast-feeding and pumping.”

MSUM granted Browns request with two new lactation rooms, which are located at the CMU 112 and the women’s center, Bridges 154.

The rooms are marked with signs reading “Nursing, Lactation, and Meditation Room.” The rooms each have a door that locks to ensure privacy, as well as a comfortable chair and a side table.

According to the Fair Labor Standards Act, an employer with over 50 employees must provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from public intrusion for mothers to express breast milk.

“We have many staff and students

who have already started their families,” Brown said. “We want to ensure that every demographic feels comfortable and welcome here.”

While the FLSA ensures a private space for mothers, MSUM also created these rooms for those who would like to have a private place for prayer during the day.

The lactation rooms are available to anyone to use while on campus and are not restricted to only breast-feeding mothers, students and staff.

“We have also had many requests for a private place for prayer and meditation,” Brown said. “Anyone — students, staff, and visiting public — wishing to have some private time to themselves throughout the day are welcome to use the rooms.”

Brown says that MSUM will evaluate the use of the two current rooms and will consider requests for additional rooms at other parts of campus.

PARKING, FROM FRONT

of 7th Avenue and 10th Street, is now a general lot (G-2). This lot was often confused as general parking in previous years, leading to tickets and disgruntled students.

“We’re trying to simplify. Our purpose is not to go out and get students,” said MSUM Parking Coordinator KC Clark. “If you buy the permit, we want to make sure you get to park there and not have people who didn’t pay.”

The money received from the tickets does not go to Public Safety as a profit. It is a Minnesota State Law that the money received from ticketing has to go back into the university. The money received generally goes toward building new lots, improving or fixing existing lots and snow removal.

Another lot converted from reserved to general parking is lot G-9 in front of Nemzek.

“I was unaware that Public Safety added 125 parking spots. I think this will be beneficial to the growth of our campus,” said senior Kallie Hensrud.

However, even with the addition of these parking spots, many students still are choosing to go without a parking permit.

Senior Anna Knutson believes she will have to walk just as far whether or not she parks on the street or in a lot, so it’s not worth spending the money.

Permits are sold for the entire year or on a semester basis. Reserved parking permits are \$180, and general parking permits are \$110. Students and faculty can purchase either permit. Single semester permits are \$60. Permits purchased for the spring semester after purchasing a fall only permit cost \$55.

Students who pre-registered online for parking permits and charged it to financial aid will be entered into a drawing for an iPad 2 and a free parking permit. The winner will be announced the first week of September.

Students looking to purchase a parking pass must register online at mnstate.edu/parking. Once the permit is reserved, it can be picked up at the Public Safety office anytime. Direct questions to the Public Safety office at 218.477.2657 or at parking@mnstate.edu.

Public Safety would like to remind students that there are three free lots available: behind the Annex

on 5th Avenue, by the soccer field and in the old Delta Zeta parking lot. For those who believe they have unfairly received a ticket, information about meeting with the appeals committee can be found on the back of the ticket. Public Safety is not responsible for ticket appeals.

Parking is monitored Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parking is free in all lots after 4:30 p.m., except in the daycare lot (D-1), which is free after 5:30 p.m.

“The changes are going to simplify things for everybody here,” said the Director of Public Safety Greg Lemke.

Street Parking

Due to resident complaints, many streets around campus have been changed to a three-hour parking limit from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the academic year. The Moorhead Police Department has hired three part-time traffic enforcers to closely monitor the new parking regulations around campus. The three-hour parking limit will be enforced as soon as the signage is posted within the next two weeks.

Students who choose to park on the street and not follow the regulations can expect to be ticketed.

“Our goal is to stay consistent,” said Chief of Police Dave Ebinger. “We would like to not have to issue any tickets and have people comply by the law.”

Many students and residents are frustrated with the new parking restrictions and find them to be unnecessary.

“It will force us to move our cars mid-day between classes,” said student Nate Dykema, “Time in-between classes is scarce.”

Knutson agrees with Dykema saying, “They know it’s all college kids parking around campus. The

residents should understand they live in a college area.”

Mass communications professor Dan Johnson is fine with new parking restrictions and has chosen to park a block or two further away to avoid ticketing. However, he commented that those residents that influenced the parking change will only send the problem elsewhere.

The residents of 1326 12th St. S, aka “The Wolves House,” feel the same as Johnson and are worried people will start parking in front their house to avoid the three-hour limit.

“It’s a great debacle,” resident Colin Persons said.

Persons’ roommate, Henry Peterson, feels the same way.

“Having six roommates already makes parking difficult,” he said. “With the addition of MSUM students parking on our street, it will only get worse.”

Parking tickets from the city of Moorhead have increased from \$20 to \$25 per citation. The late fee on a ticket jumped from \$5 to \$10, and will increase at a \$10 increment for every week it is late. After 30 days, it will cost \$55. Fire lane violations along with handicap violations have increased in price as well.

If a violator receives too many citations, they will be impounded at the owner’s expense.

“People will comply or suffer the consequences. They are simple self-explanatory rules,” Ebinger said.

For more information about parking rules and regulations visit www.moorheadpolice.com or www.cityofmoorhead.com.

“People don’t like parking enforcement, but they don’t like the lack of it either,” Ebinger said.



PRINTING, FROM FRONT

enforced until Spring 2013. The new printing stations require students to scan their Dragon ID in order to receive the pages they’ve printed.

Starting in the spring, students who use up their 500 pages will be charged 5 cents per additional page.

Students seem open to the new system.

“It’s been a fairly positive response,” said David Schuman, help desk and lab assistant coordinator in the library.

The “green” motive is what has

encouraged some students’ support.

“I really like it because people aren’t wasting paper, printing entire books or power points,” said Neera Bhandari, senior business administration major.

Students who aren’t too excited about these changes can rest assured that they won’t be left in the dark. The office of campus sustainability will be available to offer tips on how to get by with printing less, and O’Reilly-Seim said students will be informed before any other changes are made.

DAHL, FROM FRONT

The setup in Dahl would allow for such a studio to be created — a helpful addition, due to lack of adequate space in the education buildings, according to Delaney.

Director of housing and residential life Heather Phillips adds that adding studio space to student housing is a neat opportunity that would be apart from others to MSUM’s campus.

Plans have been drafted. However, because the project will be financed by donations and fundraising, it will be postponed

until adequate funds are raised.

Now renovated, Dahl will cost students living there approximately \$300 more per semester, which some might say is a small price to pay for the many, much needed updates.

“It’s brighter, it’s more updated; definitely more modern,” Delaney said.

The next residence hall to be renovated will be West Snarr. Construction will begin in the summer of 2013.

SUSTAINABILITY, FROM FRONT

He said he has high hopes for MSUM to become a known as a “green” school.

“The potential is huge,” he said. “But before the ship starts sailing, I want to make sure everyone’s on board.”

A lot of people don’t know what sustainability means, he said. “My goal is to package it in a way they understand.”

For more information about the office of campus sustainability, contact Joe Herbst at 218.477.0028 or joe.herbst@mnstate.edu.



Joe Herbst, Sustainability Coordinator

What does sustainability mean to you?

“It’s a way of making a positive effect on the environment around us, a way to ensure that the world that we know and use every day can remain intact for future generations, or in my case, something that I have to explain to every single person when I tell them my major is ‘sustainability.’” - Jordan Pinneke, freshman sustainability major

“Sustainability means making less wasteful and more renewable changes to our everyday lives, to protect the environment and support future generations.” - Natalie Jacobs, sophomore sustainability major

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